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For : AN APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF )  
INHOMOGENEOUSLY POLARIZED )  
OPTICAL BEAMS FOR USE IN )  
ILLUMINATION AND A METHOD )  
THEREOF )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 25, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 1 corresponding to FIG. 1 for a polarization converter and a method for producing inhomogeneously polarized optical beams as set forth in claims 62-66 and claims 77-81, respectively, with traverse.

The Office has restricted claims 62-87 into Groups 1-3 corresponding to FIGS. 1-3, respectively, which illustrate three patentably distinct species of a polarization converter, with claims 62 and 77 being generic. In an earlier Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2002, the Office restricted claims 1-87 into Groups A-D corresponding to FIGS. 1-4, respectively. In response, Applicants elected Group D, corresponding to FIG. 4, which includes claims 62-87 and which is being further restricted by the Office in the outstanding above-identified Restriction Requirement. Applicants submit that claims 1-9 and 19-32, which have been withdrawn from consideration by the Office, also read on the disclosed species illustrated by FIG. 1. Accordingly, the Office is requested to reconsider the

outstanding above-identified Restriction Requirement and examine claims 1-9, 19-32, 62-66 and 77-81 together.

Applicants believe the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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